

Office of International Programs awards more than \$470,000 in grants for international scholarly activities

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The Office of International Programs is pleased to announce the first recipients of its new grants for international scholarly activities. The goal of the grant program is to promote a global network of scholarship and engagement and encourage interdisciplinary and transnational partnerships at the University. More than \$470,000 was awarded to University of Minnesota faculty and graduate students.

The grants were created in response to the Forging an International University Task Force recommendation for additional faculty and student support for international research and cross-disciplinary and cross-collegiate activities. Funds are provided by the Office of International Programs with additional support for the research circle grants from the Office of the Vice President for Research and the Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change (ICGC).

Funding will be offered again next year, with deadlines in early winter. More information will be available in the fall at: <http://www.international.umn.edu/funding/strategic/>

The recipients are listed below and on the OIP website at:
<http://www.international.umn.edu/funding/strategic/>

Interdisciplinary International Institutional Partnership Grants

This all-University grant program supports the establishment and strengthening of innovative and sustainable international interdisciplinary partnerships between units at the University of Minnesota and those at universities and/or related institutions located at one or more international sites.

- *FLACSO—Mexico and the University of Minnesota: Innovative Approaches to Collaboration*; Principle Investigator Arthur Harkins, College of Education and Human Development, UMTC
- *Turkish-American Alliance: The Partnership between Baskent University and SFA Art + Design*; Principle Investigator Virginia Jenkins, School of Fine Arts, UMD
- *Competency-based Curriculum within Global Pediatric Health Track & University of Makerere (Uganda)*; Principle Investigator Cindy Howard, Medical School, UMTC
- *Enhancing Conservation through the Establishment of Regional Conservation Centers for Conservation Leadership, Research, and Education (Thailand and Nepal)*; Principle Investigator David Smith, College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences, UMTC

Interdisciplinary International Research Circle Grants

This all-University faculty grant program supports collaborative, interdisciplinary research circles on critical issues to be explored globally, transnationally, or internationally.

- *Comparative Indigeneities of the Americas*; Principle Investigator M. Bianet Castellanos, College of Liberal Arts, UMTC
- *Recent and Ongoing Environmental Change in the Arctic*; Principle Investigator Keith Brugger, Division of Science and Mathematics, UMM
- *Use of Remotely Sensed Precipitation for Landslide Hazard Prediction*; Principle Investigator Eli Foufoula-Georgiou, Institute of Technology, UMTC
- *Global Migration and Gender Ratios*; Principle Investigator Donna Gabaccia, College of Liberal Arts, UMTC
- *The History and Ecology of Disease: A Comparative Analysis of Environment, Culture, and Science*; Principle Investigator Tamara Giles-Vernick, College of Liberal Arts, UMTC
- *Childhood Nutrition and Well-being in Traditional China: An Interdisciplinary Study*; Principle Investigator Chris Isett, College of Liberal Arts, UMTC
- *Feed-in Tariffs v. Green Certificate Markets: Alternative Policy Approaches to Renewable Electricity*; Principle Investigator Arne Kildegaard, Economics & Management, UMM
- *A Proposal for Decentralized Monitoring of Antiretroviral Drug Implementation, Efficacy, and Adverse Events among HIV-Infected Patients in a Rural District of Western Kenya*; Principle Investigator Alan Lifson, School of Public Health, UMTC
- *Eco-epidemiology of Zoonotic Pathogen Transmission and its Impact on Public Health*; Principle Investigator Randall Singer, Veterinary Medicine and School of Public Health, UMTC

OIP International Pre-Dissertation and Small Grants Competition

This all-University international pre-dissertation and small grants competition supports graduate and professional degree students and are intended to support short-term activities that enhance the student's scholarly project and/or professional preparation.

- Cecilia Aldarondo, CLA/Comparative Studies in Discourse and Society, Cuba
- Renata Blumberg, CLA/Geography, Latvia & Lithuania
- David Boulware, School of Public Health, Uganda
- Chih-Ming Hung, CFANS/Conservation Biology, Taiwan
- Yeonbo Jeong, CLA/Feminist Studies, South Korea
- Isaac Kamola, CLA/Political Science, South Africa
- Jonneke Koomen, CLA/Political Science, Tanzania and Kenya
- Hadas Kushnir, CFANS/Conservation Biology, Tanzania
- Kaisa Larson, CLA/Hispanic Literatures, Spain
- Moosung Lee, CEHD/Educational Policy, Germany
- Judith Otto, CLA/Geography, Poland
- Her Vang, CLA/History, Laos
- Joanne Zerdy, CLA/Theater Arts, United Kingdom
- Xi Zhu, CLA/Sociology, China

OIP International Internship Awards

This all-University international internship competition supports graduate and professional degree students undertaking international internships.

- Michelle Dynes, SPH/Maternal Child Health, Bangladesh
- Katie Gruner, SPH/Community Health Education, Tanzania
- Laura Hammond, HHH/Global Public Policy, Germany
- Matthew Klee, Medical School, Tanzania
- Crystal Liu, Law School/SPH Joint Degree, Switzerland
- Kristi Parks, Medical School, Tanzania
- Ross Perko, Medical School, Uganda
- Vidhya Shanker, CEHD/Evaluation Studies, India
- Stephanie Smith, Medical School, Zimbabwe
- Jaquilyn Waddell Boie, HHH/Advanced Policy Analysis, Kenya

OIP Doctoral Fellowships for International Research and Writing

This all-University fellowship competition supports current University of Minnesota doctoral students pursuing research and studies with an interdisciplinary and international focus.

- Erika Busse, College of Liberal Arts/Sociology, Peru & U.S.
- Meggan Craft, College of Biological Sciences/Ecology of Infectious Disease, Tanzania
- Sara Mack, College of Liberal Arts/Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Literature and Linguistics, Puerto Rico
- Masako Nakamura, College of Liberal Arts/History, Japan & U.S.
- Samuel Schueth, College of Liberal Arts/Geography, Republic of Georgia

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